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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Folsom – Five Inmates Taken to Hospital After Riot at Folsom State Prison

(U) California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) officials say about 20 inmates were involved in a riot at Folsom State Prison yesterday morning. The incident happened in one of the prison's medium-security housing units while the inmates were in the middle of program activities. Correctional officers tried to break up the fight, but it took deploying chemical agents to stop the violence. After the fight, five inmates were taken to a nearby hospital to be treated for non-life-threatening injuries. No prison staff were hurt in the riot. Exactly what led up to the fight is now under investigation.

SOURCE: 29 October 2020, CBS Sacramento

(U) Los Feliz – Multiple Ballots Found Scattered in Street Prompts Investigation

(U) Multiple ballots were found scattered along with mail on a street in Los Feliz, and an investigation was underway to try to determine if the mail was stolen. A resident who found the mail called police, who took the letters and ballots, which were later turned over to the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder's Office. Los Angeles police were investigating if the mail was stolen.

SOURCE: 29 October 2020, ABC 7

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Top US Officials Briefed on Active Threat Against Pentagon Leaders

(U) Washington – US military, intelligence and law enforcement officials were briefed late last month on a threat against the Pentagon's most senior leaders while they are on American soil, not just traveling overseas. Some officials said the briefings suggested the threat, may be potential retaliation for the US military's assassination of an Iranian General in January 2020. The briefings have included information that suggests the targets of the threat are US military leaders who were involved in the decision and operation. The briefings have also included information about a list, compiled by adversaries, of the names of military leaders who are to be targeted.

SOURCE: 29 October 2020, NBC News

(U) District of Columbia – California and Indiana Democratic Parties Targeted by Russian Hackers

(U) Washington – A group of Russian hackers earlier this year targeted the email accounts of Democratic state parties in California and Indiana, and influential think tanks in Washington and New York. The attempted intrusions, many of which were internally flagged by Microsoft, were carried out by a group often nicknamed "Fancy Bear." The hackers' activity provides insight into how Russian intelligence is targeting the United States in the run-up to the 3 November election. Over the summer, a specialized cybersecurity unit at Microsoft and federal law enforcement agents notified many of the targets who were Fancy Bear's targets.

SOURCE: 30 October 2020, Reuters

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(U) Florida – Pair Accused of Stealing Mail and Ballots

(U) Miami – Two men are accused of stealing mail and ballots from mailboxes. Vladimir Cuevas, 20, and Junior Cabral, 28, were arrested on multiple charges including stealing, moving, or altering a ballot box, fraud, and petty theft. Investigators said the pair were arrested after they were spotted at the drive-thru mailboxes earlier this week. An officer stopped them after he noticed their car sitting next to the mailboxes for an unusual amount of time. In their possession was a homemade device utilized to extract pieces of mail from the mailboxes, numerous pieces of stolen mail, along with two election ballots. SOURCE: 29 October 2020, Portland Press Herald

(U) Wisconsin – Cyber Attackers Stole \$2.3 Million from Sate's Republican Party

(U) Madison – The Republican Party of Wisconsin said that \$2.3 million in funds was stolen in a cyberattack. The state party chairman said the theft was the result of a sophisticated phishing attack operation that included the use of doctored invoices purporting to be from vendors billing the party. The cyber-attack was discovered last week and reported to the FBI the next day.

SOURCE: 29 October 2020, CBS News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Security Level at Maximum Level After Attack

(U) Nice – The security level in France was raised to the maximum level after a man armed with a knife and carrying a copy of the Quran attacked worshipers in a church and killed three. The attack was the third in less than two months that authorities have attributed to extremists, including the beheading of a teacher who had shown caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad in class. The attacker was seriously wounded by police and hospitalized in life-threatening condition. President Emmanuel Macron said he would immediately increase the number of soldiers deployed to protect schools and religious sites from around 3,000 to 7,000.

SOURCE: 29 October 2020, Associated Press

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